

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2348 - SB 2289**

February 13, 2022

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Clarifies that an ambulance service that holds a valid and unencumbered license to operate in one or more counties in Tennessee is not required to hold a separate license or establish a base of operations in another county for which the ambulance service provides secondary mental health transport.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Decrease State Revenue – Exceeds \$5,000/FY22-23 and Subsequent Years/  
Emergency Medical Services Board**

**The Emergency Medical Services Board had a surplus of \$97,412 in FY19-20  
and a surplus of \$121,650 in FY20-21.**

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation is only applicable to ambulance services that are providing secondary mental health transport from, to, or through another county. Secondary mental health transport is defined as the transportation of an individual from one healthcare facility to another healthcare facility for the purposes of mental health evaluation or treatment.
- There are currently 210 ambulance services that operate in Tennessee. However, based on information provided by the Department of Health (DOH), it is assumed that the proposed legislation will have a direct and immediate effect to at least one ambulance service.
- The license fee for an ambulance service is \$5,000, due July 1 of each year. Therefore, under the proposed legislation there will be an annual decrease in state revenue of at least \$5,000 (\$5,000 fee x 1 service) to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Board.
- The EMS Board is required to collect fees in an amount sufficient to pay the costs of operating the Board. All fees collected by the Board are deposited by DOH with the State Treasurer to the credit of the General Fund and shall be expended by the Department and included in the appropriation made for the Board in the *General Appropriations Act*.
- The EMS Board had a surplus of \$97,412 in FY19-20 and a surplus of \$121,650 in FY20-21.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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